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## BACK TO GOOD LITERATURE

The children and young people of today are reading better literature than their elders. This is the statement of a New York librarian who has made a survey of the situation in his state. It is a statement freighted with significance, a reflection upon the poor judgment of the grown-ups and a word of praise for the choice of the youngsters.

If the children of America are reading good literature and their parents are still clinging to the impossibilities of the book of twenty-three chapters with a thrill in each chapter, then the children are not receiving their encouragement for good reading at home. The public libraries and the schools are the factors which are educating the tastes of the younger generation. Every well-regulated library has an admirably equipped children's reading room operated by a capable supervisor who helps the children select what to read and encourages them to choose good books. The library also conducts a children's hour when this same supervisor tells in simple language the stories of Greek and Roman mythology and such books as "A Tale of Two Cities" and "Ivanhoe." To one who has not attended the reading room of such a library or been present at the children's hour, it is surprising to see how eagerly the children listen, how careful they are to discriminate, and how thirsty for well-told stories.

The public school is doing an even bigger work than the library, for it reaches a larger number of children. The children are asked to memorize poems from the American and English poets and are familiarized with the best in literature. This training is begun in even the primary grades. A sentiment against poorly executed literature is created and the children soon become quick to detect a trashy book.

One of the most hopeful signs of a higher plane of American citizenship is this indication of discrimination in literature on the part of the youth of the Nation. As long as the people of a country wallow in the mire of cheap literature, so long will their thoughts be of the same level. When a nation begins to demand a higher form of written thought, then will they look up to the light of a higher civilization.

## PRESS-AGENTING A PEOPLE.

The "terrible" Turk, the "wily" Jap, the "phlegmatic" Englishman, and similar epithets, are often the result of hostile press agents, rather than a true description of national characteristics. Similarly, such terms as "holy" Russia and the more recent "noble" Belgium may be due to friendly or native press agents, rather than to a predominant trait of the favored nation.

One wonders if the sympathy felt for Greece as against Persia, and for Rome as against Carthage, is not largely due to clever press-agenting and news-coloring on the part of the Greeks and the Romans, the only ones to state their case. Conceivably, Hannibal and Xerxes might have had something important to add, something not altogether complimentary to the "defenders of western civilization." As it is, we must see Rome and Greece, as well as Carthage and Persia, through Greek and Roman eyes.

At present international politics have more or less to do with whether a nation is good and noble and righteous, or wicked.

Thus a nation may be the quintessence of virtues, yet, should its own press agents be caught napping and the enemy press agents allowed a scoop, all the nation's virtues may be wiped out in a minute and dreadful wickedness substituted in their stead, at least as far as the outside world is concerned. Which only proves again that the pen is mightier than the sword.

## THE PANAMA FLEET

Panama may yet have a big merchant marine. The United American Lines Co. has transferred its two ships, with a combined tonnage of 34,000, from Am-

erican to Panama registry. This example may be followed by other lines, although government efforts to prevent this are likely.

The transfer resulted from the ruling of the Attorney-General that American prohibition applies on the sea as well as on the land, as far as American ships are concerned, because they are constructively American territory. So many passengers prefer to travel on ships selling liquor that American liners are obviously handicapped.

One way to remedy this difficulty and save American shipping from ruinous alcoholic competition would be to persuade all the other maritime powers to go dry. That is somewhat of a task. Another way would be to modify the Volstead Act in its application to ships. It is doubtful whether the public is ready to sanction such modification. Here is a new problem making the lot of the American merchant marine all the harder, and the ship-owners are not impressed with the argument that virtue is its own reward.

It might help some, temporarily, to persuade Panama to go dry.

By its very title, the League of Hen-pecked Husbands stands to be a mystic order.

With the execution of six former cabinet members the thought of defeat will probably weigh less on the Greek conscience.

## NEWS OF THE STATE

Governor Hyde has been investigating the St. Joseph police situation during the last few days.

Contracts for the improving of fifty miles of road in Southwest Missouri will be let in Jefferson City in the near future.

Judge A. M. Tibbels of Mound City has been appointed by Governor Hyde as judge of the circuit court for the Fifth Circuit for the term expiring January 1.

According to the state auditor, the state fund for the payment of witness and court costs has been exhausted, and no more will be available until the spring of 1923.

The Rev. Orville Hodge, pastor of the Christian Church of Poplar Bluff, has resigned his position as pastor there to become an evangelist. His headquarters will be in Des Moines, Iowa.

The sale of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, which was scheduled for last Wednesday, was indefinitely postponed. It is likely that the sale will take place in about two weeks.

Captain and Mrs. S. C. Mills of Monett celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last week with a family dinner at which all their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present.

A country boy going from Moberly to Huntsville, a ride of seven miles, took \$5,000 worth of traveler's insurance Monday when he started home. He said that three wrecks in one day were too much for him.

Plans are under way for a meeting of all farmers' organizations in the corn belt states at which a plan for creating a government commission for the regulation of agricultural products will be discussed.

Building activity in St. Joseph for the past eleven months has surpassed the building record of 1921 according to the books of E. C. Delavan. The permits issued this year total \$1,064,414 compared with \$1,060,274 of last year.

Fire of undetermined origin practically destroyed the Fashion Garage in Kansas City Thursday, and damaged five motor cars stored in the building. Fire officials estimated the damage to the building as \$1,200 and the contents \$5,000.

Seven thousand dollars was found in a smokehouse in Hustonia by the daughters of Morgan Pummel, a merchant who died last week. The daughters did not know the whereabouts of the money but suspected that their father had hidden it there.

G. F. Newberger, of Joplin, treasurer of the State Democratic committee, filed a statement of the committee's campaign expenditures with the recorder. The report showed receipts totaling \$45,784.13; disbursements \$45,363.35, leaving a balance of \$420.78.

An account of the wedding of Miss Helen Wilkins in the China Press of Shanghai has been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkins of Mexico in the form of a clipping from that paper of November 24. Miss Wilkins married Carr N. Eubank November 23.

Five girls from Higginsville, who accompanied their high school football team to Harrisonville, became violently ill with ptomaine poisoning on the trip home. They had eaten a pork dinner, and later had ice cream, they said. One girl was too ill to return home with the rest.

Miss Lillian Elizabeth Barry of St. Joseph was one of the employees of the

Bell Telephone Co. who recently received medals for noteworthy public service. She received a silver medal and \$250 for rescuing two babies from asphyxiation. She is one of the switch-board supervisors.

Approximately 300 state highway engineers, road commissioners and minor officials, together with a large number of individuals interested in good roads will attend the three-day annual convention of the American Association of State Highway Officials which opens in Kansas City December 4.

Four hundred newboys were entertained at the annual Journal-Post Thanksgiving dinner at the Forum cafeteria in Kansas City Thursday. Mayor Frank Cromwell, a newsboy himself thirty years ago, and Henry L. Jost, a newsboy forty years ago, spoke on the opportunities for American newboys to become successful.

Robert Grier Cooke, zoning city planning expert of New York, will give Kansas City the benefit of his experience in zoning problems in a three-day visit in Kansas City, as the guest of the Citizens' Anti-Ugly Protective Association. Mr. Cooke will address the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon next Wednesday at the Hotel Baltimore.

Sixteen million dollars in taxes were collected last year by Kansas City, Jackson County and the school district, according to a bulletin issued by the Kansas City Public Service Institute. The bulletin says three million dollars of this amount was special assessments against real estate. Of the remainder, eight million was paid by real estate.

More than 300 persons in Kansas City competed in the second annual Thanksgiving bakers' roundup of the Heart of America Walking Club, in which sixteen prizes were awarded to men, women and children by Ed J. Shannahan, president of the club. The man who walked the greatest distance outside Greater Kansas City was Kirby McRill, who traveled fifty-five miles from a point near Leavenworth, Kas.

## AT THE CHURCHES

### Baptist.

Miss Eva C. Chang will address the Sunday school of the Baptist Church tomorrow morning. The Sunday school services will be in charge of H. O. Severance. The subject of the sermon for the morning services will be "Spiritual Finances" and in the evening "The Unfailing Christ." At 6:30 o'clock a young people's meeting will be held.

### Calvary Episcopal.

The services at the Calvary Episcopal Church tomorrow will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock, the sermon and holy communion at 10:45 o'clock, a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King at the parish house at 5 o'clock and open house for students at 6 o'clock. The rector's class meets at the same time as the Sunday school. The parish house is open to students from 7:30 until 10 o'clock every evening for recreation or study.

### Christian.

Bible school at 9:30 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45 a. m. The subject of the Rev. W. M. Haushalter's sermon is "The Weakness of God—A Missionary Plea." Miss Ellen Guffy of Christian College will play a violin solo. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the evening sermon is "The Spiritual Counterpart of Ibsen's Peer Gynt." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. The subject is "The Value of Religious Education." Richard Crouch is the leader. Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. will be in charge of the women of the church. The assembly meeting of the Women's Council will be held at the church Friday morning, the program beginning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

### Presbyterian.

Sunday school and all special classes at 9:30 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45 a. m. One evening service, from 7 to 8 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

### Evangelical Lutheran.

Services will be held at the Maccahees Hall, Eighth street and Broadway, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon for the first Sunday in Advent will be based on Acts 3, 22-26. Lutherans and all who are not affiliated with any church are heartily invited to come and worship with us. For additional information concerning our services call 1929 Green. Albert C. Bernthal, pastor.

### Methodist.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., with a special program. Morning worship at 10:40 a. m., subject: "What Is Salvation?" Music by the chorus choir. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.; evangelistic sermon and singing. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Elmer Carl will be the leader.

Congregational Students' Club. There will be no meeting of the Congregational Students' Club tomorrow on account of the absence of so many members from Columbia.

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## In and Near Boone County

### Middletown

J. M. Jones butchered hogs Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence was in Hallsville shopping Tuesday.

M. H. Palmer went to Hinton on business Tuesday.

Bert Winn sold a mule to Clark Nienaber for \$75.

Mrs. Fannie Bibb shopped in Hallsville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winn shopped in Hallsville Tuesday.

Mr. W. B. Winn was in Hallsville Wednesday on business.

Elmer Valentine was in Hallsville Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Winn visited their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Valentine, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robinson returned from a several days' visit in Kansas City.

Searcy Robinson hauled wheat to Columbia for Carpenter Brothers, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. F. E. Powell and Mrs. J. P. Hedges visited Mrs. D. B. Powell Tuesday afternoon.

Harold Menaugh, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Menaugh, has the chicken pox.

Austin Jones and Gertrude Jones attended the banquet given by the senior class of the Hallsville High School last Wednesday evening.

Will Whitman, Emmett Bratton, Turner Barred, and Fountain Jones went to Harrisburg Tuesday evening to attend the oyster supper given by the Odd Fellows lodge.

### Oakland

Riley McGee has returned from Jefferson City.

Mrs. Ceno McGee was a Columbia visitor Monday.

Nathan Ferguson bought four pure-bred hogs from Jim Schwabe Tuesday.

J. E. Schwabe butchered two hogs Monday. He sold one of them to Ott Davis.

Conley School opened Monday after being closed for two weeks on account of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slaughter and family are visiting Mrs. Slaughter's mother, Mrs. Allen McGee.

### Harg

John Turner attended Homecoming Thursday.

Mrs. Berkley Estes visited Mrs. M. A. Turner Friday.

Willard Dudley is building a shed for Carlisle Turner.

Mrs. Alice Fenton is the guest of Mrs. P. N. Stark, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Stark spent Thursday with Mrs. P. N. Stark, Sr.

Harold Dudley and Joe Young hunted rabbits with Lee Stone Thursday.

Miss Leta Lloyd entertained the Friendly Bible class Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Meyer are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Howell of Kingston.

Virgil Groves was injured on the right arm recently when he was kicked by a cow.

Miss Tillie McHarg, principal of Benton school, is spending her vacation at home.

The Missionary Society of the Olivet church will meet with Mrs. Robert Reed next Thursday.

Mrs. Fanny Carlew has rented her farm to Willard Dudley and is moving to Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lynes were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lynes in Columbia.

Irby Fisher, Joseph Baumgartner, Thomas Stull and G. H. Cox are digging their winter's supply of coal on Miss Ada Young's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Betz and children, John Winingear and Eva Winingear,

were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Winingear and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McHarg visited Mr. and Mrs. William Ladel in Jacobs School district Thursday.

The Turner School closed from Wednesday until next Monday. The teacher, Miss Mary Mourning, is spending the holidays at her home near Hallsville.

The Sunday School here is preparing a program for an entertainment Christmas. The attendance contest increases in interest. The women are in the lead.

### Centralia

Roy Hickerson of Kansas City is here visiting his parents.

Miss Imogene Curtright is spending the holidays at home.

A. R. Tolson and family were dinner guests of Lee Goslin and family Thursday.

Miss Blanche Brownell of Excelsior Springs is the guest of C. F. Sanes and family.

Miss Frances Burton entertained a few friends with a bridge party Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turner of Bartlesville, Okla., are visiting Will Cox and family.

Turner B. Cox, who is attending Central College at Fayette, spent the weekend at home.

Denzille Hardin of Jacksonville, Ill., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardin.

Miss Geraldine Hulen is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Goldie Hulen at Lenox, Ia.

Mrs. H. C. Kleinsorge and daughter Anita, are visiting friends and relatives at Wichita, Kan.

Miss Bertha Pemberton of Independence, Mo., is spending the Thanksgiving holiday at her home.

Misses Frances Bush, Elizabeth Wade and Francis Early are spending the Thanksgiving holidays at Slater, Mo.

Mrs. A. R. Tolson entertained the members of the Crochet Club and their husbands at a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday.

Mrs. E. E. McLennon, Mary Opal McLennon and Tom McLennon of Marshall are the guests of J. H. Bagby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunt entertained at dinner Thursday for H. E. Stone and family, Walter Stone and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone.

Miss Frances Fagg entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Miss Thelma Dozier of Mexico, Mo. The guests were Misses Irene Stone, Ruth Hunt, Narlee Bagby, Laura Mae Brown, Elizabeth Price and Mary Sames.

### Hallsville

Maxine Austene was in Columbia Monday.

Mrs. T. J. Simons was shopping in Columbia Saturday.

Mrs. Birdie Bullard was in Columbia Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Barclay of Sturgeon was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quisenberry were in Columbia Monday.

Misses Jess and Lillian Nichols spent Thanksgiving in Fayette.

Rucker Tolson and family moved back to Columbia Monday.

Miss Pearl Dennis is spending a few days at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Gussie Marshall spent Thanksgiving with friends in Columbia.

The Hallsville Odd Fellows visited the Harrisburg lodge Tuesday evening.

The senior class of the High School entertained at an 8 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening.

Miss Mildred Morganthaler is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Morganthaler.

The Hallsville Fair Association met Tuesday evening with Chairman R. S.

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